



**THE CREMONINI GROUP: wins the international bid for catering management at the Lyon railway station.**

The Cremonini Group won the international bidding for managing the food service at the Lyon Perrache railway station in France. The Group learned today of the outcome, which includes a 10-year contract signed by the French State Railroad (SNCF).

Management of the Lyon station implements a line of development aimed at maximizing, nationally and internationally, the synergies existing between ground and on-board service. Abroad, in fact, Cremonini already runs the catering services on board the high-speed (TGV) trains between France and Italy as well as the high-speed trains in Switzerland (Cisalpino).

Entry into French railway stations is the departure point for development strategy in the railway-catering sector in a country offering numerous opportunities, even in the short term. Starting May 1st a station buffet in Palermo will also begin operation and will be Italy's fifth largest in terms of catering volume.

Cremonini works in railway station catering through its Agape division and the Chef Express brand and is the Italian market leader with a 23% share. It runs the food service for 13 stations of primary importance (including Rome Termini, Rome Tiburtina, Florence, Turin, Genoa and Venice Mestre).

Cremonini, with over 3000 employees and consolidated turnover of 2,019 billion lire (1.04 billion Euro) in 1998, is one of Europe's most important food companies, with businesses focused in three integrated areas: production, distribution and catering.

The Group is the Italian leader in absolute in beef production and hotel/restaurant food supply; it is also important in the catering sector and is the Italian leader in train and railway station food service.

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